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A RESOLUTION

BY COUNCILMEMBER CATHY WOOLARD

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE GEORGIA WATER BILL OF RIGHTS.

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**CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

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A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE GEORGIA WATER BILL OF RIGHTS.

WHEREAS, the Water Bill of Rights was drafted by a diverse group of Georgia citizens representing more than 60 conservation, scientific, academic, industrial and government groups; and

WHEREAS, the Water Bill of Rights, finalized in August 2000, sets forth the beliefs and expectations of Georgia's ordinary citizens in regard to their most important natural resource—water; and

WHEREAS, the Water Bill of Rights outlines guiding principles that should be the basis of all new local and state water policies.

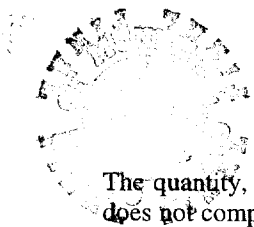
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA to officially endorse the Georgia Water Bill of Rights.

A true copy,

Shonda Daughlin Johnson
Municipal Clerk, CMC

**ADOPTED by the Council
APPROVED by the Mayor**

OCT 02, 2000
OCT 10, 2000



GEORGIA'S WATER BILL OF RIGHTS

The quantity, quality, and reliability of Georgia waters shall be preserved so that the human use of water does not compromise the long-term sustainability of aquatic and associated ecosystems. All Georgians are responsible for the integrity of state waters, and the costs of providing and protecting these resources must be fairly allocated among users.

1. We, the people, believe that Water is a Public Resource.

The surface and ground waters of the State of Georgia are public resources – vital areas held by the State as a trustee charged with the duty to manage these waters in the best interests of the public.

2. We, the people, believe that Water Resource Use Must Be Sustainable.

Each Georgian has the right to expect that the waters of the State on and below the surface of the earth will be conserved and maintained as a perpetual blessing to the State's people and ecological systems.

3. We, the people, believe that We All Live Downstream.

Management of the State's water resources must ensure the integrity of these resources by acknowledging the natural flow of waters through the watersheds and aquifers, from the mountains to the sea.

4. We, the people, believe that Economic Prosperity Depends on Clean Water.

Clean surface water and pure groundwater are essential to Georgia's health, welfare, and prosperity; Georgians no longer accept the assertion that polluted water is a necessary price for economic progress.

5. We, the people, believe that Water Policy Decisions must be Just and Equitable.

No person or community should bear a disproportionate share of any burden resulting from the water use of others.

6. We, the people, believe in Property Rights that Ensure Environmental Protection for All.

The citizens of Georgia have a right to use the surface and groundwater resources on their properties, but the use must be reasonable, in a manner and to the extent that the water supply is not depleted or degraded to the detriment of the health of people and wildlife.

7. We, the people, believe in Water Resource Protection through Law Enforcement.

Georgians have the right to the full, timely, and equitable enforcement of local, state and federal environmental laws, which rightfully require protection of water quality and all life dependent on that quality.

8. We, the people, believe in the Public's Right to Know.

All decisions by government officials, the public trustees of Georgia waters, shall be made in open forums, after full disclosure through public discussion and deliberation of all scientific, political and economic facts and associated impacts. Citizens shall have readily available and unrestricted access to such information.

9. We, the people, believe in Accountability.

Our government shall be held accountable for the proper management of Georgia's waters.